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Bilateral Trade through North-East Corridor
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the progress achieved in bilateral trade through north-east corridor with Asian countries under the Look East Policy;
(b) the estimated trade happened during the last three years through North-Eastern border;
(c) whether the Government is considering to increase the trade volumes and trading partners through this corridor; and
(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a)to(d): The objectives of Act East Policy includes deepening of economic cooperation and expanding trade with countries in the Asia-Pacific Region. The process facilitates bilateral trade from North-East also.

Total estimated trade (as provided by Department of Revenue) between India and Myanmar through the North-East has grown from Rs. 7752.72 lakhs to Rs. 14452.26 lakhs between 2013-14 and 2015-16.

Some of the steps taken for promoting trade from the North-East region, particularly to Myanmar are as follows:

i. Shifting from barter trade to normal trade; expansion to all tradeable commodities
ii. Increasing trade through sea route by harnessing the proposed Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Facility
iii. Better land connectivity through India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway
iv. Improving the land connectivity on Indian side through widening of the Imphal − Moreh road.
v. Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for North-East
vi. Initiation of better banking facility.
vii. Expansion of rail network in the region
viii. Land Customs Stations (LCS) at Moreh, Zokhawthar and Champhai
ix. Establishment of borderhaats
x. Integrated Check Post at Moreh

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